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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
20	- 20 or HP = 0	x 0	= 0		50	25
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.					200	100
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)		360	180
5	- 3 or HP = 2	x 100	= 200		0	0

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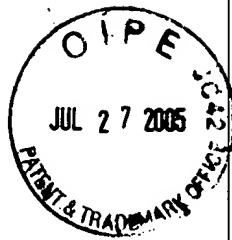
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